



State 4-H Working Steer

General Information Sheet



Anyone from age 8 to 18 (as of January 1) can show working steers. The purpose is to teach the history and ability to train working steers. All you need is a pair of steers, if they are over 6 months of age they need to be castrated.

To show at Vermont State 4-H Working shows, you do not have to try to qualify for Eastern States. There will be 2 groups of teamsters at a show, the qualifiers and the non qualifiers. This is determined by age and also by the choice of the teamster. The teamsters may show together, but they will be separated by the judge at the time of the ribbons.

Ribbons will be awarded according to the judge's discretion at the show. Teamsters may choose which classes they would like to compete in, but if they are qualifying they must compete in all three events at each show and follow all standards and guidelines.

Teamsters that are trying to qualify please refer to the Vermont Working Steers 4-H Program Qualification Rules found under Working Steer 4-H Project.

All approval forms, lease/loan forms and health papers for each team will be checked before each event. Please do not unload your cattle until someone is there to check the paperwork (this may be a 4-H Educator or a volunteer designated that day for that job).

Fitting and Showing

Teamsters will be judged on the condition of the steers and the manner in which they are presented to the judge. Judges will consider the following: Condition of the steers, Cleanliness of the steers, Appropriate fit of equipment, Grooming of the steers, Appearance of the teamster, Knowledge of the teamster about working steers, Driving of the steers.

Cart Class

Teamsters will be judged on their ability to maneuver a two-wheeled cart through a series of obstacles. The judge will determine the course and set the time limit for hitching and completing the course.

Stone boat

Teamsters will be judged on their ability to work a stone boat. The judge will determine the course and set the time limits for hitching and completing the course. The course will include at least one turn to the gee and one turn to the haw.

Sharing of project animals between 4-H members is not allowed. Make sure that the entries you are exhibiting are properly approved 4-H animals and are prepared for exhibition by your own efforts. You should not allow any adult or other people to prepare any part of your animal for exhibit (*from the N.H. Responsibilities as a 4-H Animal Exhibitor*).



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